



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Spiess, et al.

Art Unit: 3726

Serial No.: 10/068,243

Examiner: Afzali, Sarang

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Title: CONVEYOR ROLLER

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in reply to the Election/Restrictions paper from the United States Patent and Trademark Office having a mail date of January 28, 2008.

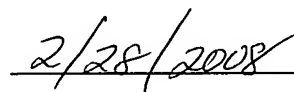
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REPLY

In the instant application, claims 1-13 are cancelled and claims 14-33 are pending. According to a non-final action dated Jan. 28, 2008, claims 14-33 are now subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

The Patent Office has alleged that the product of group I (claims 14-27 and 30-33) and group II (claims 28 and 29) are inventions that are independent or distinct and would be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions require a different field of search.

While Applicants respectfully disagree, they elect the products of group I (claims 14-27 and 30-33) with traverse. In addition, once patentable subject matter is agreed upon, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and rejoinder of the remaining claims (claims 28 and 29) as claims 28 and 29 would depend from and incorporate all the elements of the patentable product claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this communication, he is urged to call the undersigned attorney at 281-253-9834 or 401-683-0635.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mi K. Kim', written over a horizontal line.

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